

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, in this application.

Claims 1-67 (canceled)

68. (previously presented) A dried composition that is stable on storage at room temperature consisting essentially of granules comprising extruded microorganisms which are fungi of the genus *Mortierella*, wherein said fungi are dead and wherein the granules in the composition have a porosity generated by drying of granular particles of the extruded microorganisms and have a diameter between 0.1 millimeters to 12 millimeters.

Claims 69-71 (canceled)

72. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 71, wherein the fungi are *Mortierella alpina*.

Claims 73-75 (canceled)

76. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules comprise a polyunsaturated fatty acid.

77. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 76, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid is contained in a lipid.

78. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 76, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid is a C18, C20 or C22 ω -3-polyunsaturated fatty acid or a C18, C20 or C22 ω -6-polyunsaturated fatty acid.

79. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 78, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid is a C20 or C22 ω -3-polyunsaturated fatty acid or a C20 or C22 ω -6-polyunsaturated fatty acid.

80. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules comprise arachidonic acid, eicosapentaenoic acid, or a combination of the foregoing.

Claims 81-82 (canceled)

83. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules have a dry matter content of 80% or more.

84. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules have a dry matter content of 30% to 70%.

85. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules are obtained by extruding a biomass having a dry matter content of 25% to 80%.

86. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules are obtained by mechanical extrusion.

87. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the diameter of the granules is 0.3 millimeters to 10 millimeters.

88. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the diameter of the granules is 1.5 millimeters to 6 millimeters.

89. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the diameter of the granules is 2 millimeters to 3 millimeters.

90. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the length of the granules is on average 2 to 6 times the diameter.

91. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules is 15% to 50%.

92. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules is 20% to 40%.

93. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules is 25% to 35%.

94. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules allows solvent access.

95. (previously presented) The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules are free flowing.

96. (withdrawn/currently amended) A process for the isolation of one or more compound(s) from a microbial biomass which comprises fungi of the genus *Mortierella* that has produced such a compound, the process comprising:

- a) providing, or obtaining a biomass with a dry matter content of from 25% to 80%;
- b) extruding the biomass into granular particles having an average dry matter content of from 25% to 80%;
- c) drying the granular particles to give dried granules as defined in claim 68 having an average dry matter content of at least 80%; and
- d) purifying, extracting or isolating the or each compound from the dried granules resulting from (c).

Claims 97-112 (canceled)

113. (withdrawn/currently amended) A The process for the isolation of one or more compound(s) from granules of biomass, the process comprising:

- a) providing dried granules as defined in claim 68 having a dry matter content of at least 80%, the granules having been derived from a microbial biomass comprising microorganisms that have produced such a compound; and
- b) extracting or isolating the or each compound from the dried granules by solvent extraction.

114. (currently amended) Dried granules Granules comprising extruded microorganisms which are fungi of the genus *Mortierella*, wherein the dried granules:

- (i) have a porosity generated by drying of granular particles of the extruded microorganisms;
- (ii) comprise arachidonic acid; and
- (iii) have an average dry matter ~~dry-matter~~ content of 80% or more.

115. (currently amended) The dried granules of claim 114 wherein the arachidonic acid is contained in a lipid.

116. (new) The dried granules of claim 114, wherein the porosity of the granules is 15% to 50%.